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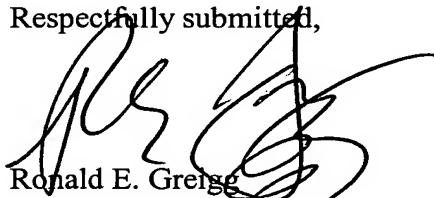
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DE 199 28 190 discloses a piezoelectric actuator, e.g. for activating a mechanical component. The inventive piezoelectric actuator has a multilayered structure of piezoelectric layers with inner electrodes (2, 3) situated in between. A first outer electrode (6) is applied to a lateral surface and provides a conductive surface, said lateral surface being connected to the respective inner electrodes (2, 3). A second mesh- or woven-type outer electrode (7) is located on the first (6). A passive area (10) without an inner electrode layer is provided in the areas of the piezoelectric layers, which each have an inner electrode (2, 3) that is connected to the opposite side, respectively. The ceramic piezoelectric material, at least in the passive area (10), and the material of the two outer electrodes (7) have an almost identical temperature expansion coefficient, which reduces the effects of mechanical tensions in the piezoelectric actuator. The second outer electrode (7) preferably consists of a nickel-iron alloy such as invar and the piezoceramic consists of lead zirconate titanate.

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